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TUMOR CELL PROLIFERATION

## **AMENDMENT**

'Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 21, 2000, petition for a two-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete claims 1 and 10-27 without prejudice and substitute therefore new claim 28 as follows:

--28. A method for treating tumors in mammals or for inhibiting tumor cell proliferation in mammals, comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of an active agent selected from the group consisting of:

(a) leptin;

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